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Docket No.

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Applicant(s):

Mark BENDETT, et al.

Application No.:

10/625,797

Group:

Filed:

July 23, 2003

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PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the missing parts office action dated December 4, 2003.

The executed declaration and replacement drawings are filed concurrently herewith.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ 420.00 is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees required with this submission or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1529.

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